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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action dated October 10, 2007 in connection with the above-identified application.

The Examiner has requested election and restriction between Group I, including claims 15-21, 29 and 30, covering a device, and Group II, including claims 22-28, covering a method. Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group II and reserve the right to file a divisional application or take such other appropriate measure as they deem necessary to protect their inventions lying within Group I.

Examination and allowance of claims 22-28 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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